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3. At 2:15 p.m. on 2 July, a train consisting of 5 boxcars with personnel and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying about 40 trucks, amphibian cars, motorcycles and sedans passed through Eberswalde proceeding toward north.³ On 2 July, the Artillerie Kaserne was only lightly occupied. Many officers went to the Schuetzen Kaserne at about 4 p.m., with between 50 and 70 officers with ranks up to and including colonel seen during a period of 15 minutes.⁴ On 26 June, the Panzer Kaserne in Bad Freienwalde had normal occupation. One SS-64 armored scout car and 15 trucks were seen.⁵

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4. On 8 July, an AAA unit and billeting equipment from Fliegerhorst Kaserne were loaded on two trains at the Fuerstenwalde railroad station. The trains left for Jueterbog Altes Lager.⁶ A large number of canvas-covered tanks were observed in the Wulheide-Karlshorst woods on 10 July.

5. Source learned from an informant that, on 9 July, the barracks installations in Strausberg were still occupied to capacity by the old units. The airfield was allegedly occupied by new troops and small air force elements.⁷

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1. Comment. Official records indicated that the unit loaded was the 121st Gds Engr Bn of the 7th Gds Tank Div and went to Coswig on the Elbe River.

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- [REDACTED]
- 25X1A 3. [REDACTED] Comment. The train carried engineer units of the Fourth Gds Necz Army. The units probably were those loaded in Templin on 9 June, possibly for practices in the Rathenow-Jerichow area.
- 25X1A 4. [REDACTED] Comment. The occupation of the two barracks installations appears unchanged as compared with the occupation prior to the uprising.
- 25X1A 5. [REDACTED] Comment. The Panzer Kaserne was reported occupied by another source until 30 June. Units of the 6th Gds Necz Div may have taken up quarters at the installation as security details.
- 25X1A 6. [REDACTED] Comment. Probably light AAA units of the 63d AAA Div (US) which were loaded for firing practices in Justerbog.
- 25X1A 7. [REDACTED] Comment. The barracks installation on Straus lake and the former Landesjugendheim which quarters an artillery school and/or an NCO school of the GDFG.
- 25X1A [REDACTED] The airfield was for the first time reported occupied by Soviet Army troops.

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